

RC 82

**Current black bear seasons and bag limits for proposal 109.**

**5 AAC 85.015. Hunting seasons and bag limits for black bear.. (a) ...**

<b>Units and Bag Limits</b>	<b>Resident Open Season (Subsistence and General Hunts)</b>	<b>Nonresident Open Season</b>
(3)		
Unit 7, that portion south of the city limits of Seward at 60° 04' 58" N lat., and Unit 15, that portion south of Kachemak Creek, Bradley River, and Bradley Lake	No closed season. (General hunt only)	
RESIDENT HUNTERS: 3 bears		
NONRESIDENT HUNTERS: 1 bear		No closed season.
Remainder of Units 7 and 15		
RESIDENT HUNTERS: 3 bears	No closed season. (General hunt only)	
NONRESIDENT HUNTERS: 3 bears		No closed season.
Units 9, 11 - 13, Remainder of Unit 16, Units 18, 19(B), 19(C), 20 - 24, 25(A), 25(B), 25(C), and 26		
3 bears	No closed season. (General hunt only)	No closed season.
Unit 16(B), that portion	Sept. 15 - May 31	Sept. 15 - May 31

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within a one-mile radius of the mouth of Wolverine Creek at 60.80° N. lat., 152.31° W. long.

3 bears

Unit 19(A) and Unit 19(D)

5 bears

No closed season.  
(General hunt only)

No closed season.

Unit 14(C)

No closed season.  
(General hunt only)

No closed season.

1 bear

Units 14(A) and 14(B)

No closed season.  
(General hunt only)

No closed season.

3 bears

Unit 17

**RESIDENT HUNTERS:**

2 bears

Aug. 1 - May 31  
(General hunt only)

**NONRESIDENT HUNTERS:**

1 bear

Aug. 1 - May 31

Unit 25(D)

**RESIDENT HUNTERS:**

3 bears; or

No closed season.  
(General hunt only)

3 bears per community  
harvest report by community  
harvest permit in an  
established community  
harvest area

No closed season.  
(Subsistence hunt only)

**NONRESIDENT HUNTERS:**

3 bears

No closed season.

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Unit	CURRENT REGULATIONS			Salvage					
	Harvest ticket	Harvest report	Sealing	Jan. 1 - May 31			June 1 - Dec. 31		
				meat	hide	skull	hide	skull	meat
1	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
2	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
3	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
4	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
5	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
6	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
7	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
8									
9									
10									
11	Yes	Yes							
12	Yes	Yes							
13	Yes	Yes							
14A	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
14B	Yes	Yes							
14C	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
15	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
16	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
17			Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
18									
19A, B, C									
19D	Yes	Yes							
20A, C, D, E, F	Yes	Yes							
20B	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	or meat	Yes	or hide
21									
22									
23									
24									
25									
26									

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## CHANGES IF PROPOSAL 259 IS ADOPTED

Unit	Harvest ticket	harvest report	Sealing	Jan. 1 - May 31			Salvage June 1 - Dec. 31		
				meat	hide	skull	hide	skull	meat
1	Yes	Yes	new regulation	yes	unknown	unknown	or meat	unknown	or hide
2	Yes	Yes	new regulation	yes	unknown	unknown	or meat	unknown	or hide
3	Yes	Yes	new regulation	yes	unknown	unknown	or meat	unknown	or hide
4	Yes	Yes	new regulation	yes	unknown	unknown	or meat	unknown	or hide
5	Yes	Yes	new regulation	yes	unknown	unknown	or meat	unknown	or hide
6		Yes	new regulation	yes	unknown	unknown	or meat	unknown	or hide
7		Yes	new regulation	yes	unknown	unknown	or meat	unknown	or hide
8		Yes	new regulation	yes	unknown	unknown	or meat	unknown	or hide
9		Yes	new regulation	yes	unknown	unknown	or meat	unknown	or hide
10		Yes	new regulation	yes	unknown	unknown	or meat	unknown	or hide
11		Yes	new regulation	yes	unknown	unknown	or meat	unknown	or hide
12		Yes	new regulation	yes	unknown	unknown	or meat	unknown	or hide
13		Yes	new regulation	yes	unknown	unknown	or meat	unknown	or hide
14A		Yes	new regulation	yes	unknown	unknown	or meat	unknown	or hide
14B		Yes	new regulation	yes	unknown	unknown	or meat	unknown	or hide
14C		Yes	new regulation	yes	unknown	unknown	or meat	unknown	or hide
15		Yes	new regulation	yes	unknown	unknown	or meat	unknown	or hide
16		Yes	new regulation	yes	unknown	unknown	or meat	unknown	or hide
17		Yes	new regulation	yes	unknown	unknown	or meat	unknown	or hide
18		Yes	new regulation	yes	unknown	unknown	or meat	unknown	or hide
19A, B, C		Yes	new regulation	yes	unknown	unknown	or meat	unknown	or hide
19D		Yes	new regulation	yes	unknown	unknown	or meat	unknown	or hide
20A, C, D, E, F		Yes	new regulation	yes	unknown	unknown	or meat	unknown	or hide
20B		Yes	new regulation	yes	unknown	unknown	or meat	unknown	or hide
21		Yes	new regulation	yes	unknown	unknown	or meat	unknown	or hide
22		Yes	new regulation	yes	unknown	unknown	or meat	unknown	or hide
23		Yes	new regulation	yes	unknown	unknown	or meat	unknown	or hide
24		Yes	new regulation	yes	unknown	unknown	or meat	unknown	or hide
25		Yes	new regulation	yes	unknown	unknown	or meat	unknown	or hide
26		Yes	new regulation	yes	unknown	unknown	or meat	unknown	or hide

**Proposal 110A****5 AAC 92.150. Evidence of sex and identity.**

(d) In those areas where sealing is required, until the hide has been sealed by a representative of the department, no person may possess or transport the hide of a bear that does not have the penis sheath or vaginal orifice naturally attached to indicate conclusively the sex of the bear.

**(e) In those areas where sealing is required only for the skull, until the skull has been sealed by a representative of the department, no person may possess or transport the meat of a bear that does not have sufficient portions of the external sex organs naturally attached to indicate conclusively the sex of the bear**

**5 AAC 92.165. Sealing of bear skins and skulls.** (a) Sealing is required for brown bear taken in any unit in the state and black bear of any color variation taken in Units 1 - 7, 14(A), 14(C), 15 - 17 and 20(B), and a bear skin or skull before the skin or hide is sold. A seal must remain on the skin until the tanning process has commenced. A person may not possess or transport the untanned skin or skull of a bear taken in a unit where sealing is required, or export from the state the untanned skin or skull of a bear taken anywhere in the state, unless the skin and skull **(in Unit 20(B), just the skull)** have been sealed by a department representative within 30 days after the taking, or a lesser time if requested by the department, ...

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(b) A person who possesses a bear taken in a unit where sealing is required **for both the skin and the skull** shall keep the skin and skull together until a department representative has removed a rudimentary premolar tooth from the skull and sealed both the skull and the skin; **a person who possesses a bear taken in a unit where sealing is required only for the skull shall keep the skull until a department representative has removed a rudimentary premolar tooth from the skull and sealed the skull.** The department may require that the skull of the bear be skinned and that the skin and skull not be frozen at the time of sealing.

(c) Except as provided in (a)(7)–(9) and (d) of this section, a person who takes a bear in a unit where sealing is required, must personally present the skin and the skull; **(in Unit 20(B), just the skull)** to a department representative for sealing within 30 days after the taking, or a shorter time if requested by the department, and must sign the sealing certificate at the time of sealing.

(d) A person who takes a bear in a unit where sealing is required, but is unable to present the skin and skull in person, **(in Unit 20(B), just the skull)** must complete and sign a temporary sealing form and ensure that the completed temporary sealing form, along with the bear skin and skull, **(in Unit 20(B), just the skull)** are presented to a department representative for sealing within 30 days after the taking.

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**5 AAC 92.044. Permit for hunting black bear with the use of bait or scent lures.** (a)

A person may not establish a black bear bait station to hunt black bear with the use of bait or scent lures without first obtaining a permit from the department under this section.

(b) In addition to any condition that the department may require under 5 AAC 92.052, a permit issued under this section is subject to the following provisions:

(1) a person may establish a black bear bait station only if that person obtains a permit under this section;

(2) [IN UNITS 6(D), 7, 14(A), 14(B), 15, 16(A), AND 20(B),] a person must complete a bear hunter clinic given by the department before that person may obtain a permit from the department under this section;

(3) a person must be at least 16 year of age to be issued a permit;

(4) a person may not have more than [TWO] ~~XX~~ bait stations established with bait present at any one time [EXCEPT THAT, IN UNITS 6, 7, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14(A), 14(B), 15, 16, 17, 19, 20, 21, 24, AND 25, A REGISTERED GUIDE-OUTFITTER MAY REGISTER UP TO 10 BAIT STATION SITES AT A TIME AND MAY EITHER PERSONALLY OR THROUGH LICENSED CLASS-A ASSISTANT OR ASSISTANT GUIDES, ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN THOSE SITES SIMULTANEOUSLY, IF A SIGNED GUIDE-CLIENT AGREEMENT IS USED FOR EACH HUNTER THAT USES ANY OF THE SITES];

(5) a person may not use bait or scent lures within

(A) one - quarter mile of a publicly maintained road, trail, or the Alaska Railroad;

(B) one mile of a

- (i) house or other permanent dwelling,
- (ii) business; or
- (iii) school; or

(C) one mile of a developed campground or developed recreational facility;

**(D) bait may be used within one mile of a cabin if the cabin is on the opposite side of a major river system from the bear baiting station.**

(6) a person may not give or receive remuneration for the use of a bait station, including barter or exchange of goods; however, this paragraph does not apply to a registered guide-outfitter, class-A assistant guide, or assistant guide who personally accompanies a client at the bait station site;

(7) a person using bait or scent lures shall clearly identify the site with a sign reading "black bear bait station" that also displays the person's hunting license number, and the permit number;

(8) only biodegradable materials may be used as bait; if fish or game is used as bait, only the head, bones, viscera, or skin of legally harvested fish and game may be used, except that in Units 7 and 15, fish or fish parts may not be used as bait;

[(9) IN AREAS WHERE THE BAG LIMIT IS GREATER THAN ONE BEAR, THE DEPARTMENT MAY LIMIT THE NUMBER OF BEARS TAKEN OVER BAIT AS A CONDITION OF THE PERMIT] **repealed;**

(10) a permittee must remove bait, litter, and equipment from the bait station site when hunting is completed.

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[(11) IN THE UNIT 16 PREDATION CONTROL AREA DESCRIBED IN 5 AAC 92.125(D), EXCEPT FOR A LICENSED GUIDE-OUTFITTER, A PERSON MAY NOT GIVE OR RECEIVE REMUNERATION FOR THE USE OF A BAIT STATION, INCLUDING BARTER OR EXCHANGE OF GOODS; A LICENSED GUIDE-OUTFITTER MAY REGISTER UP TO AN AGGREGATE OF 10 BAIT STATION SITES SIMULTANEOUSLY, AND EACH OF THAT GUIDE-OUTFITTER'S CONTRACTED ASSISTANT GUIDES MAY REGISTER UP TO TWO BAIT STATION SITES SIMULTANEOUSLY, AND A SIGNED GUIDE-CLIENT AGREEMENT IS REQUIRED FOR EACH HUNTER THAT USES ANY OF THE SITES. ]

(12) in Units 1 – 5, before a person establishes a black bear baiting station and places bait at the baiting station, that person shall, at the time of registration, provide to the department the location, in a global positioning system (GPS) format of latitude and longitude, of the baiting station on a form provided by the department.

(13) in Units 7, 9, 11, 13, 14(A), 14(B), 15, 16, and 17, a hunter who has been airborne may take or assist in taking a black bear at a bait station with the use of bait or scent lures under a permit issued by the department, and if the hunter is at least 300 feet from the airplane at the time of taking.